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GREAT ROUND-UP OF RADICALS MADE

Government Goes Out After Disturbers.

1,500 ARRESTED IN ONE DAY

Government not only conducts most extensive raid in its history but also its most thorough. Literature seized in New York and other places.

Washington, Jan. 2.—The greatest round-up of radicals in the nation's history was conducted tonight by the government acting through department of justice agents in 33 cities stretching from coast to coast.

At midnight reports indicated that more than 1,500 members of the communist and communist-labor party, against whom the raids were directed, were in custody, and department of justice officials expressed the opinion that daylight would see twice that number behind the bars.

Not alone was the round-up the largest yet conducted by the government in its efforts to rid the country of radicalism, but in the view of officials it was the most thoroughly carried out. Department of justice agents had been instructed several days ago and at 9 o'clock tonight the move was begun on the radical headquarters, whether in Portland, Me., or in Portland, Ore.

Department of justice operatives were affected to catch the radicals "with the goods on," and that these directions were carried out was evidenced in reports particularly from New York, where the offices of communist newspapers were raided, and from New England, where considerable literature prepared for dissemination by the two parties was seized.

The primary object of the raids Assistant Attorney General Garvin announced, was the obtaining of evidence upon which the department of labor might proceed with the deportation of undefensibles.

The larger cities in which raids were conducted follow:

New York, Baltimore, Boston, Buffalo, Chicago, Cleveland, Denver, Des Moines, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Hartford, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Louisville, Milwaukee, Newark, Omaha, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Portland, (Me.); Portland, (Ore.); Providence, San Francisco, Scranton, Spokane, St. Louis, St. Paul, Springfield, Mass., Syracuse, Toledo, and Trenton.

Minor raids were made in other cities.

The biggest "bag" of the radicals was made in New York, where at midnight more than 300 had been arrested and sent to Ellis Island. From a dozen New England cities 300 or more of the communists were gathered and in Detroit the raiders found plentiful supply, taking about 100 into custody. Chicago and Philadelphia supplied more than 120 and Buffalo about 100. A larger number than in any previous raid was reported from practically all of the cities.

In New York the raids were under the personal supervision of Chief Flynn, head of the department of justice secret service and 800 warrants were issued for the arrests of radicals in the metropolis.

Attorney General Palmer personally directed the great round-up from Washington, which, federal officials here stated, had as its definite aim the ridding of the United States of every alien who has plotted against the American government. The raids were specifically directed against the communist party and the community-labor party.

The general charge of attempting to overthrow the government by force and violence was placed against the persons arrested during the raids. Officials declared they believed that several hundred members of the communist and communist-labor parties would be behind the bars before morning.

Officials here declared the nationwide round-up was the most completely planned and the machinery was the best of for this of any raids launched against the radical element in this country. It was arranged some ten days ago that the raid should take place tonight and confidential commu-

ANOTHER SURVEY ORDERED.

Highway Engineer Instructed to Survey Gray Court-Woodruff Road for Top Soil Improvement.

At a recent meeting of the county highway commission Engineer N. C. Hughes was instructed to begin a survey of the road between Gray Court and the Enoree River bridge leading to Woodruff, with a view of having it graded and top-soiled as soon as construction forces can reach it. This will be a county project rather than a state-aid project and work may begin on it at an early date.

Speaking of other plans now in view, Mr. Hughes said that a construction force would begin on the Waterloo road from this end at an early date and another one near Cold Point to work this way. The force now working from Cross Hill is expected to tie up with the Waterloo road at Cold Point and then to begin work on the road running from Cold Point to the Greenwood county line via Waterloo. As is already generally known the highway from Laurens toward Waterloo and Cross Hill has been radically changed, the start from this city being made near the old Messer Babb home on Farley Avenue and striking in a direct line toward Madden Station and from there to Cold Point where the road divides, one wing leading to Cross Hill and the other to Waterloo and on to the Greenwood county line.

DOUBLE MURDER CHARGED.

Will Motes, Colored, Lodged in Jail Charged with Burning House Over Wife and Child.

Will Motes, a colored man from the vicinity of Cross Hill, was lodged in jail last week on a warrant charging him with double murder and arson. It is alleged in the warrant that Motes killed his wife and then set fire to the house they occupied, cremating the woman and their little child lying beside her. The charred remains of the two bodies were found in the ashes of the house.

No direct evidence has yet been made public connecting Motes with the crime, but he is being held pending further examination into the case. The theory of the peace officers is that Motes, who was reputed to have quarrelled with his wife frequently, slew her in a fit of rage following a dispute over where they should live this year and following the killing burned the house over her head to cover up incriminating evidence.

Rev. Vermillion Accepts Call.

Rev. C. E. Vermillion has accepted a call to a recently organized field of Baptist churches composed of Chestnut Ridge, New Prospect, Mount Pleasant and Beavertown churches, his services beginning with the new year. Rev. Vermillion has resigned one of the charges he formerly served, that of Warrior Creek, and will preach two Sundays in each month at each of the churches in his new field.

Applications were sent to department of justice representatives and United States attorneys in the thirty-three cities.

Department of justice agents desired most of all to capture incriminating documents, not so much of the literature and propaganda but papers showing details of the communist organizations in each city. It was indicated that if such evidence were obtained, deportation of the persons concerned would be an easy matter. As in the case of the members of the Union of Russian Workers several score of whom were aboard the transport Buford, which sailed from New York ten days ago, members in cards in the organization were regarded by officials as constituting the best documentary evidence on which to base deportation cases.

Officials said the only difference between the communist party and the communist-labor party was one of leadership. Both have been endeavoring to bring about the establishment of a soviet form of government in this country since their organization last September, according to officials. Documents gathered by federal agents recently show conclusively, it was said, that plans were drawn up by the leaders of each of these parties to develop a score or more of soviets throughout the country. These were to be merged under a soviet council similar to that which now exists in Russia according to Mr. Garvin.

SERVICE FLAG FURLED AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Impressive Services held at First Baptist Church Marked by Address by Gov. R. A. Cooper.

With impressive ceremonies, marked by an address by Gov. R. A. Cooper, the service flag which has hung in the First Baptist church since early in the World War was furled Sunday night in the presence of a large congregation. The services were presided over by the pastor of the church, Rev. Samuel H. Templeman, who presented the Governor as "One not ashamed to be known as an humble follower of the Cross."

In addition to the address by Gov. Cooper a beautiful musical program was rendered by the choir and following the address of the evening the flag was gently lowered by little Miss Ada Catherine Owings, whose three brothers were represented on the flag. After it had been carefully rolled up by Gov. Cooper and the pastor it was delivered into the hands of Mrs. B. C. Crisp, chairman of the ladies' committee which raised it, with the admonition by the pastor to keep it for the church as a silent reminder of the ideals for which the church's soldiers had fought.

Gov. Cooper, in his address, sounded a keynote of warning against the radical tendencies of the day as well as the temptations which beset the individuals of the nation as a result of the great increase in wealth. I am glad, he said, to hear of the prosperity which abounds on every hand but he hoped that in the enjoyment of this wonderful prosperity the people would not forget the duties and responsibilities which rested upon them as the leaders of the world. The United States, he said, was looked upon not only as the leading nation of the world in a financial way but must accept the leadership in morals and religion if the present civilization is to be saved and progress and advancement made. He pointed to the successful drive in his own church and the progressive movement being carried on throughout the nation as good omens of the future and urged that the ideals which the churches professed be lived up to in order that a better day may come. To Christianity he pointed as the lead star to lead on to world peace, lauding the efforts of President Wilson to bring the war to a conclusion with a peace intended to put an end to all wars. He admonished the returned soldiers to take the leadership in shaping the destinies of the nation, saying that he was confident that the same spirit which actuated them in going to war, the spirit that brought it to a successful conclusion, would prompt them to "carry on" in the fight for purity of life and a high standard of Christian living.

The service flag of the church held 52 stars representing 52 men of the congregation who were in the service.

TWO LEGAL SALES.

January Salesday Attracts Large Crowd to Town for Business Purposes but Legal Sales are Small.

Monday was January salesday and a large crowd of people was in town for business purposes, but only two legal sales were made, these being by Clerk of Court Power.

In the settlement of the estate of the late W. W. Jones of this city, the frame dwelling on the east side of North Harper Street, now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Hill, was sold to Mrs. Hill for a consideration of \$5,100.

In the settlement of the estate of the late R. H. Hudgens, a 2-1-3 acre tract near Madden Station was sold to B. Y. Culbertson for \$237.50.

The sheriff also sold a touring car under foreclosure proceedings for a small consideration, the car being bought in by interested parties.

SHRINERS TO MEET.

Organization Meeting to be Held Thursday Night Followed by Refreshments at the Laurens Hotel.

The Shriners of the city and surrounding country are looking forward with a great deal of interest to an organization meeting to be held in the Masonic Hall Thursday night, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. Following the meeting in the hall, the Nobles will repair to the Laurens Hotel where refreshments will be served. All of the Shriners of the vicinity are expected to be present.

MAYOR BABB WILL SEEK RE-ELECTION

Made Definite Statement Yesterday that He Will be in the Race to Succeed Himself.

When asked yesterday if he would enter the mayoralty race this year for re-election, Mayor Babb stated definitely that his hat was in the ring and that he would offer for re-election. Mayor Babb has been mayor of the city since 1908, except for one two-year term during which Mr. J. C. Owings administered the city affairs.

Speculation as to opponents of the incumbent have been rife during the past few weeks and several men have been mentioned as possible contenders. Mr. John A. Franks, who opposed Mayor Babb in 1918, has been prominently mentioned. When asked several days ago as to his intentions, he said that he had had the matter under consideration but his present inclination was not to run. Capt. W. R. Richey, another possible contender, said yesterday that he also had had the matter under consideration but that he would make no announcement until after the meeting of the Democratic club Thursday of this week. Mr. A. C. Todd, another one spoken of as a candidate, said that he had not had the matter under consideration.

The regular pre-election meeting of the city democratic club is to be held in the court house Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock when machinery will be perfected for holding the election besides election of officers for the ensuing two years.

Aldermanic candidates have so far been very modest, not yet showing their heads above the cover. The only activity among the smaller fry seems to be in Ward 3, in which is located the Laurens Cotton Mills. Among those spoken of as probable candidates besides the incumbent Mr. J. M. Holmes, are Messrs. H. P. Poole and Jim Lewis.

MRS. GEO. A. BROWNING, JR.

Widow of Late Legislator Died at Her Home in Goldville Thursday.

Mrs. Lillian Burns Browning, wife of the late Geo. A. Browning, Jr., of Goldville, died at her home there Thursday evening after an illness of several weeks. Death was due to pneumonia. The funeral was held at Goldville the following day and the remains placed in the Blalock vault in the cemetery there.

Mrs. Browning was the daughter of Mrs. B. C. Burns, of Barksdale Station. Her husband, one time representative from this county in the state legislature, died during the influenza epidemic in the fall of 1918. They have three small children to survive them. She is also survived by her mother, two brothers, Messrs. Eugene and Don Burns, of Barksdale Station, two sisters, Mrs. C. R. Reeler, of Clinton, and Mrs. Alvin Coleman, of Fountain Inn, besides a brother-in-law, James Browning, and a sister-in-law, Miss Mattie Ban Browning, both of Goldville. Her father-in-law, Mr. Geo. A. Browning, Sr., died at his home in Goldville just about two weeks ago.

Mrs. Browning was a young woman of pleasing disposition, who made friends wherever she was known. With three small children left as orphans the circumstances of her death was peculiarly sad and much sympathy has gone out to them in their loss.

NEW REALTY COMPANY FORMED.

Palmetto Realty Company Formed in this City with Holdings Principally in the Renno Section.

The Palmetto Realty Company is the name of a new corporation formed recently in the city and formal organization gone into Monday. Mr. R. L. Gray, of Gray Court, is president of the concern, Mr. E. P. Minter, vice president, Mr. R. A. Babb, secretary and treasurer and Mr. B. A. Sullivan, general manager. The concern is capitalized at \$30,000 and has its holdings principally in the Renno section.

Mass Meeting Tonight.

A mass meeting of all denominations of the city will be held in the First Baptist church tonight in the interest of the Anti-Saloon League of America. Rev. McAlister, a representative of the league, will be present to deliver an address. The public is invited to attend. It is understood that all the churches of the city have cancelled the regular prayer meeting services in order that they will not conflict with the mass meeting.

MANY REALTY DEALS.

Bishop and Wolff Announce a Large Number of Deals Made in Laurens Recently During November and December.

Chas. H. Hicks and C. R. Bishop, real estate dealers, have announced a large number of real estate deals made through them during the months of November and December. Laurens realty, said Mr. Hicks yesterday, is in a very healthy condition and there is a wide demand for property of all kinds, especially small residences. In addition to these sales, Mr. Hicks stated that he has several others in view that have not been entirely closed.

Included in the November and December sales announced by these agents were the following:

W. H. Hudgens to J. W. Todd, Jr., and W. R. McCuen, dwelling for \$4,000. Wm. Solomon to A. C. Phillips, farm for \$3,250.00.

W. G. Lancaster to A. F. Teague, vacant lot for \$750.00.

A. F. Teague to Mrs. Jackson, dwelling for \$1,600.00.

A. F. Martin to Murphy Mahaffey, dwelling for \$4,100.00.

P. A. Simpson to Mr. Brownlee, vacant lot for \$200.00.

Earl Wilson to D. E. Todd and Wm. Solomon, business property for \$25,000.00.

D. E. Todd to Palmetto Auto & Accessory Co., business property for \$17,000.00.

McCuen & Babb to Shell McDaniel, laundry for \$3,000.00.

Lucian Woods to Weathers and Bolt, farm for \$2,700.00.

Todd & McCuen to W. B. Myers, dwelling for \$5,000.00.

N. B. Dial to W. G. Lancaster, dwelling for \$1,700.00.

F. W. Little to J. F. Poole, farm for \$12,000.00.

O. B. Simmons to Laurens Trust Co., business property for \$15,000.00.

C. P. Borham to Mrs. Minnie F. Blakeley, dwelling for \$4,000.00.

P. H. Owens to Peoples Co-operative Store Co., store buildings for \$1,200.00.

MRS. RUTH V. ROBERTSON.

Former Resident of this County Died at Greenwood Thursday.

Mrs. Ruth V. Robertson, formerly of this county, died at the home of her niece, Mrs. Frank Pearce, in Greenwood, Thursday morning, following nine weeks of illness. The funeral services were held at Warrior Creek Baptist church Friday afternoon, being conducted by her pastor, Dr. J. R. Jester, of Greenwood. Immediately after the services, the body was conveyed to the cemetery where it was laid to rest beneath a mass of flowers.

The deceased was a widow of the late Stephen Robertson, who preceded her to the grave about sixteen years ago. Mrs. Robertson was 77 years of age and was a native of this county, her home being at Barksdale. She moved to Greenwood with her niece about seven years ago. She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Mary Powers and Mrs. Corrie Duvall. She was a devout and consecrated Christian and through all of her suffering she was gentle and submissive.

Besides her relatives, she leaves a host of friends who join with them in their sorrow.

AGED CLINTON LADY DEAD.

Mrs. Ruth S. Whitlock Passed Away Sunday and Buried Monday.

Mrs. Ruth Spruell Whitlock, widow of the late H. N. Whitlock, died at the home of her son in Clinton Sunday after a long illness. She would have been 71 years of age on the 8th of this month. She was buried in the family plot in Clinton Monday. Rev. Edward Long, pastor of the Baptist church of that place, conducting the services.

Mrs. Whitlock was the mother of Mr. W. H. Whitlock, of Laurens, and is survived by three other sons, R. L. J. S., and T. L. Whitlock, all of Clinton, and one daughter, Mrs. W. C. Bishop, also of Clinton. She was a woman of high Christian character and greatly beloved by all who knew her.

"Uncle Dock" Owen Dead.

"Uncle Dock" Owen, a native of this county but for many years a resident of Greenwood county where he was coroner for several terms, died at the county farm near Greenwood Monday night at eight o'clock and was buried yesterday at Poplar Spring church, this county.

ANOTHER VICTORY FOR PROHIBITION

Supreme Court Upholds Congressional Act.

VOLSTEAD ACT IS UPHOLD

Supreme Court Sustained Constitutionality of Provisions of Volstead Act Prohibiting Manufacture and Sale of 1-2 Per Cent Beer.

Washington, Jan. 5.—By a margin of one vote the supreme court today upheld the right of congress to define intoxicating liquors, in so far as applied to wartime prohibition.

In a 5 to 4 opinion rendered by Associate Justice Brandeis, the court sustained the constitutionality of provisions in the Volstead prohibition enforcement act prohibiting the manufacture and sale of beverages containing one half of one per cent or more of alcohol. Associate Justices Day, Van Devanter, McReynolds and Clarke dissented.

Validity of the federal prohibition constitutional amendment and of portions of the Volstead act affecting its enforcement was not involved in the proceedings but the opinion was regarded as so sweeping as to leave little hope among "wet" adherents.

In rendering the opinion, the court sustained federal court decrees dismissing injunction proceedings to enjoin federal authorities from preventing Jacob Ruppert, a New York brewer from manufacturing beer containing in excess of one half of one per cent but which he alleged was non-intoxicating.

The "wets" however received a brief ray of hope when shortly afterwards, Associate Justice Day in an unanimous opinion sustained the dismissal of indictments brought under the war time prohibition act against the standard brewery of Baltimore and the American Brewing Company of New Orleans for manufacturing 2.75 per cent beer before the Volstead act was passed.

Following the rendering of today's opinion, Assistant Attorney General Frierson who has been in charge of the prohibition cases in the Supreme Court announced that the department of justice was ready to begin the prosecution of all persons who have sold beer since the passage last October 28 of the Volstead act. Names of all persons violating the act have been obtained by the department and card indexed and prosecutions, he said, would begin at once.

Another Fight Coming.

New York, Jan. 5.—Another fight for 2.75 percent beer will be made before the United States Supreme Court according to Emory Buckner who was associated with Elihu Root as counsel for Jacob Ruppert against whom the United States Supreme Court decided today.

Mr. Root's firm is counsel for Christian Feigenspan, a New Jersey Brewing Corporation, which is seeking to restrain enforcement of the eighteenth amendment in New Jersey. The bill on complaint in the case says that 2.75 per cent beer is not intoxicating and that "such fact has been definitely determined and demonstrated by experience."

"The question whether 2.75 percent beer can be sold after the eighteenth amendment is effective must be decided in the future," said Mr. Buckner. Today's decision affects its status only under wartime prohibition. Today's decision relates only to the war powers of congress. When the amendment is effective questions will be raised not only as to the validity of its passage but also whether or not non-intoxicating beer can be sold under it.

Mr. Buckner saw a ray of hope in the fact that the court was divided on today's decision, but was not encouraged by that portion of the majority decision saying that congress had power to fix a standard of alcoholic content for the purposes of effective enforcement. He did not care to predict whether this would be a controlling precedent when the court came to pass on the validity of 2.75 under constitutional prohibition.